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## Viewing cable 08OSLO522, NORWAY FIGHTER PURCHASE: HIGH-LEVEL ADVOCACY NEEDED NOW

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cable's unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

### Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags **#cablegate** and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. **#08OSLO522**.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
<a href="#">08OSLO522</a>	<a href="#">2008-09-22 13:59</a>	<a href="#">2011-08-30 01:44</a>	<a href="#">CONFIDENTIAL</a>	<a href="#">Embassy Oslo</a>

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SUBJECT: NORWAY FIGHTER PURCHASE: HIGH-LEVEL ADVOCACY NEEDED NOW

Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Kevin M. Johnson for reasons 1.4 b and d 1.(C)

Summary: The GON decision making process on the purchase of new fighter aircraft has entered a critical phase. Public opinion has swung away fr

The Decision Making Process

2.(C) The GON decision on fighter aircraft has been a frequent theme of media debate over the last year. Numerous commentators have expressed l

Action needed to counter negative trends

3.(C) After extensive efforts by the Embassy and Lockheed Martin, the public debate over the summer consisted of largely balanced coverage. As

Major Misunderstandings on the F-35

4.(C) Inaccuracies about the F-35 have been repeated in the media so often that they have become part of the accepted wisdom. Despite assurance  
--The F-35 is a bomber, not a fighter and is not suited for the role Norway has in mind, primarily surveillance of Norway's Arctic waters and t  
--The F-35 is a slow plane and does not match the Gripen in speed.  
--The F-35 will cost twice as much as the Gripen.  
--The Lockheed Martin industrial participation plan will not adequately compensate Norwegian industry.  
--The U.S. wants Norway to buy the F-35 because it needs Norway's money. The Embassy and Lockheed Martin have been active in refuting these fal

Why the Norwegian Decision is Important

5.(C) We believe the GON decision is of more importance than it may appear on the surface. The first reason is for the JSF program. A decision

Request for Advocacy

6.(C) We request senior-level advocacy for the F-35, stressing the advanced fifth generation capabilities, countering the rampant negative myth